

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, William Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, January 5, 2009, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

An addition was made to the agenda – Ordinance 2009-05

**Citizen Participation**

1. City of Monticello Centennial Celebration – White County Historical Society  
White County Historical Society & Museum is responsible for the Centennial Celebration plans for the month of February. Julie Gutwein, President White County Historical Society, Joy Bailey, Past President, and Judy Baker, Curator, addressed the Council with their centennial plans. They will have weekly articles in the Herald Journal for the month. On Sunday, February 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a multi-media presentation at the Twin Lakes High School Auditorium. The museum will be open following the program with refreshments served.
2. Dr. Hageman, DVM, addressed the Council with concern for the City's lost Animal Warden position. He would like to see the position reinstated. He feels there is a great need for this service. Chief Blount has compiled a report on the amount of time the animal warden spent on this job. Dr. Hageman wondered if this could be a joint effort between the City and surrounding counties. City Attorney George Loy stated that Dr. Hageman would need to discuss this with the Commissioners. George will make sure that a Commissioner gets in touch with him. Council member Grace Oilar stated that the County has an Animal Warden. The City would combine this position with an abatement officer. The Council is considering this position as an animal warden/abatement officer. They will address this issue at the next Council meeting.
3. Ken Kersey stated that CVS did not one time touch their handicapped parking spaces and sidewalks during the bad weather recently. He feels this is a shame and disrespectful to the handicapped citizens.

**Department Head Reports**

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that he is working on getting seasonal employees with Scott Kubly, Pool Manager. The damage at Voigt Park has been processed by the insurance company. He has hired Pat Whitaker to do the work. Today was the first meeting of the Celebration of the Park, which will coincide with the Boat Parade.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated they have had a few water problems in the last couple of weeks. There have not been very many frozen meters, but lots of broken water lines in homes. They are on number 12 of broken water mains. The City Storage Building has poles going up at this time.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that it is winter time and they have a good supply of salt. They are done with brush until spring. They had 100 loads. The brush needs to be chipped up in winter due to Union Township being in Courantyne from the Emerald Ash Borer. They are staying busy with no break downs.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that they started surveying on the National Homes project this morning. He was at a Drainage Board meeting yesterday. City Attorney George Loy and County Surveyor Denny Sterrett are working together because they all have found a regulated tile drain for our easement through two properties there. The plant did not freeze up during the cold.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that in the last few weeks the police department has developed some in house computer problems with its server and digital voice recorder. They are working with tech support and Council member Eric Storm to get that fixed. The cars are done and should be here by the end of the week. Five digital radios have been ordered and are being programmed.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that they have been busy with ambulance and fire runs. The boat is done and in. It lacks the name on the side and then it is ready for use. They received a check for \$1000.00 from Walmart for the Toy Drive. They are working on various projects at the department.

#### **Ordinance 2008-22; Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of White County, State of Indiana**

Mayor Thompson stated that we had tabled this ordinance a few weeks ago until we received information as to what the changes are to this ordinance. The Council has copies of the changes. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to pass Ordinance 2008-22, seconded by Council member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **Ordinance 2009-05; Amending § 72.12 of the Code of Monticello Regulating Two-Hour Parking Zones; and Amending Fines for Certain Parking Violations**

City Attorney George Loy stated that a few meetings ago Police Chief Curt Blount proposed some changes to the two hour parking ordinance. Specifically changing the hours to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and also making it specifically prohibited to park for two hours within any one block area regardless of how many spaces the car may have moved. Also, this ordinance increases the fines from \$10.00 to \$15.00, and if not paid within 72 hours from \$25.00 to \$35.00. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2009-05, seconded by Council member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2009-05, seconded by Council member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **Request for Authorization for Cancellation of Outdated Checks**

Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar gave the Council a list of all the outdated checks in the various City accounts. The State Board of Accounts authorizes the Clerk Treasurer to distribute the money back to its original fund after a two year period. City Attorney George Loy explained that this does not mean that these checks are not collectable. It just removes them from the books as

accounts receivable. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to authorize the cancellation of the outdated checks, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

**Consideration of Rezoning Ordinance 2009-2: Ramsey Development Corp, A1 to R3**

City Attorney George Loy stated that we have received this ordinance which proposes to rezone approximately 10 ½ acres located on the west side of Sixth Street and north of the intersection of Sixth and Gordon Road. This property is owned by Kraybill Farms, Inc., and the applicant is Ramsey Development Corporation. They propose to rezone those acres from A1 to R3. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2009-2, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

**Consideration of Rezoning Ordinance 2009-3: Ramsey Development Corp. A1 to B2**

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is approximately 4 ½ acres, changing the zoning from A1 to B2. This is the same owner and same applicant, approximately the same area. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2009-3, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Representatives from Ramsey Development Corporation thanked the Council for their cooperation with these zoning issues.

**Consideration of Zoning Ordinance 2009-4: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of White County, State of Indiana**

City Attorney George Loy stated that these changes were also approved by the County. Council member Jim Mann explained that these changes were mainly verbiage. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-4, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

**Approval of Waggoner, Irwin, & Scheele – Personnel Policy Handbook Update**

Mayor Thompson stated that the Council has a copy of the letter sent to him prior to the meeting, stating hourly rates. City Attorney George Loy advised to have this approved at a Council meeting. There was discussion on how much this update would cost. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve Waggoner, Irwin, & Scheele for the personnel policy handbook update, seconded by Council member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

**Accounts Payable**

Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to pass the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council member Jim Mann. Four ayes, one nay, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Liz Oilar  
Clerk Treasurer